

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 2406 – HB 2258**

April 9, 2014

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Establishes that it is a criminal offense for anyone to exercise control over an animal facility by depriving the owner of control of the property *or* by disrupting the operations of the facility. Under current law, such an offense occurs if the owner is deprived of control of the property *and* the operations of the facility are disrupted. Defines the term “disrupt” to mean an action by any means or contrivance that interferes with operations of an animal facility.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015764):** Redefines the term “disrupt” to mean materially interfering with the operations of an animal facility in a manner that permanently or temporarily halts, compromises, delays, harms or impairs the activities of the facility.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Changing the definition of “disrupt” will not result in any significant change in the number of prosecutions for the state or local governments.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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